

Possibility Of Delay In Hearing Of The Crow's Nest Rate Case

Ottawa.—Although all the parties interested in the appeal to the Dominion Government, and the railways — are prepared to expedite the case as much as possible, it is now unlikely that the appeal to the Supreme Court in the Crow's Nest rate case will be heard before the Christmas holidays. Probably, however, it will come on early in January, so that by the time parliament gets through with its preliminary, it is not before it assembles, the decision will be made. There are all sorts of cases on the list of the fall term still to be argued, and they will take all of this, and probably next week, as well. It is not customary to sit around Christmas time if the list is finished.

The railway commission has prepared the questions to be argued. The fundamental one is whether, in creating the body, parliament gave it authority to override the Crow's Nest agreement. If the agreement holds, the court is asked to say whether it binds generally to C.P.R. lines or is to be interpreted in that restricted sense which confines it to lines existing in 1917, and to no others.

The government's reply to the appeal will be made on the appeal to the court. It is not clear whether the decision if it chooses to do so, or if it can elect to wait until the Supreme Court decides the law.

A Change Of Heart

German Defence Minister Is Against
The Rattling of Sabres
Leipzig, Germany.—"I emphatically reject the mere suggestion of war revenge, and not one German citizen need I wish to see sacrificed to the realization of such a thought," Dr. Otto Gessler, German minister of defence, declared in the course of a rousing campaign speech for the Democratic party here.

"This ridiculous rattling of sabres which we don't possess must cease," the speaker continued. "We must confine ourselves to business and politics which will be devoted to the negotiation of a peace treaty, and to the maturing of taxation programmes and other urgent economic legislation."

Another Wireless

Achievement

Direct Radio Message From Britain to
South Africa
Cape Town, South Africa.—The first wireless message ever received in this country from Great Britain was sent from the station in Cornwall, England, and received at the South African wireless station in Durban, Cape of Good Hope, recently.

This direct wireless communication between the Motherland and the Dominion was established in a message sent by the South African high commissioner in London, Sir Edgar Watson, to the governor of South Africa, General Hertzog.

Purchase Homes In Geneva

Many Governments Have Provided For
League Delegates
Geneva.—So regularly are governments required to send delegates to Geneva for League of Nations meetings—assembly, council or special commissions—that many of them have purchased houses or have leased apartments. These are for the double purpose of housing delegates and of serving as offices.

TIES THAT BIND CANADA TO THE MOTHERLAND BECOMING STRONGER

London.—Speaking at the British Empire League dinner to Senator Sir George E. Foster and Hon. H. H. Stevens, of Canada, who have both held the portfolio of minister of trade and commerce in the Dominion Cabinet, Governor-General John E. H. Seeley, who commanded the Canadian cavalry brigade in the Great War, recalled that exactly seven years ago his visit was roundly berated by the German and availed himself of the relief of his baggage. Eventually he received the following message:

"With reference to the Canadian elections now proceeding, please note that your signal troop should be sent out with the Canadian Dragons."

Sir George Foster said he had been struck while in South Africa with the utterly silly questions which had been asked him concerning Canada, but he was certain that airplanes and wire-

Manitoba Pays Big Federal Liquor Bill

Winnipeg.—On the basis of its present volume of business, the Manitoba liquor commission pays to the Dominion Government, in excise tax, approximately \$100,000 a year in excess of the subsidy received by the province from the Federal Government in lieu of its lands. The liquor commission added a total of \$1,862,636 to the Dominion exchequer, representing more than 40 per cent. of the list price of liquor sold since the commission commenced operations on September 20, 1923.

Advocate Peagee For Asquith

Would Be Fitting Recognition Of His
Services To Britain
London.—A number of influential persons, recognizing the general regret over former premier Asquith's temporary elimination from public life through his defeat in the last election, have taken the occasion of his holiday in Egypt to signify again that he is lifted above all political bickerings by the gift of a peagee in the King's New Year's honours list.

There is no doubt that this would be a popular move, for the Liberal leader is acclaimed among all classes as one of the greatest statesmen of British history and there is a general feeling that the gift of a peagee would be a fitting reward for his services to the country, extending over nearly half a century.

Strange Eskimo Tribe

Explorer Rasmussen Reports Discovery
Of Peculiar Race In Far North
London, England.—Captain Knut Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, who returned home after a three year trip along the northern coast of Greenland and North America to Alaska, has reported the discovery of a peculiar race of Eskimos living in King William's land in Northern Canada, a strange Eskimo tribe.

Members of this race, like those of other tribes in that almost unknown Arctic region, obtain their food by attacking their neighbors and carrying off their young women. The result is continuous infighting and feuds. When the Rasmussen party arrived it was greeted only by two men. The men of the tribe lay hidden, ready to attack the white-faced newcomers at an auspicious moment.

Becoming Burden To Ontario

Mental Defectives From South Africa
To Toronto.—Mental defectives from Southern and Eastern Europe are being sent to Ontario for treatment, according to the report for the last year of the Ontario hospitals for the insane, feeble minded and epileptic. One hundred and ten persons from these districts have entered the provincial institutions during the year under review.

Ship Christmas Trees
Victoria, B.C.—Twenty-five to thirty thousand young fir trees will be shipped from Vancouver Island to California for Christmas trees, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce has been told.

Britain Warns Against Interference In Sudan

Will Settle Anglo-Egyptian Dispute
Without Any Help
Geneva.—Great Britain has informed the League of Nations that the British Government will not recognize that any signature by Egypt of the peace protocol will give Egypt the right to appeal to the League of Nations on matters connected with the Anglo-Egyptian dispute. The British note to the League says Great Britain will not accept any intervention, whether it be by Egypt, the League of Nations, or any individual government on matters touching the Sudan.

The British communication created extraordinary interest here, on account of the Anglo-Egyptian conflict. It is regarded as meaning that Great Britain will look with an unfriendly eye upon any interference whether it be from Egypt, the league or any individual government on matters touching the Sudan, which were expressly reserved when Egypt was liberated from the pro-tutorate.

Immigration Conference

Will Discuss Phases of Subject At
Winnipeg In January

Winnipeg.—Predicting increased immigration to the prairie provinces during 1925, the result of the general advertising the Wembley Exhibition has given Canada, the Winnipeg Board of Immigration has decided to hold a conference here early in January, at which all phases of the subject will be discussed.

It was decided at a meeting of the immigration committee to invite E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Sir Henry Thornton, chief of the Canadian National Railway, and Hon. J. A. Robb, Federal Minister of Immigration to attend.

Will Photograph Sun's Eclipse From Airplane

Camera Has Been Specially Designed
For This Work

Washington.—An airplane will go the shadow of the moon nearly 400 miles across New York state during the eclipse of the sun January 24. For a special design camera photographs will be taken from the plane, of the sun's shadow across the state visible during the eclipse.

The purpose of the experiment was worked out by Dr. David Todd, professor emeritus of astronomy of Amherst College, in a permit photographing for a longer period than the approximately two minutes for which the eclipse will be visible from the earth.

Will Not Teach German

France Not Obligated To Develop
Language In Alsace

Paris.—The bill to be called upon to assist in the development of the German language in Alsace, Premier Herriot told the chamber of deputies in opposing demands made by the Socialist deputy, M. Perrot, mayor of Strasbourg, and the Rev. Muller, deputy from the Lower Rhine, that the Alsatian schools be made bilingual.

New Bill Before Danish Parliament

Copenhagen.—A bill, which would authorize doctors under certain conditions to take the life of a patient without incurring punishment, has been introduced in the Danish Parliament by Minister of Justice Steadsk.

His Life Threatened



Viscount Alenby, British High Commissioner in Egypt, whose life has been threatened, Viscount Alenby is one of Great Britain's most famous generals.

Heavy Taxes Paying Bulgaria's War Debt

Country Is Meeting All Obligations On
Schedule Time

Sofia.—Bulgaria, like other countries in Europe, is paying off war reparations and obligations, and on schedule time.

A resident of Sofia in the publishing business for 25 years, recently showed the correspondent how the money to do this was obtained. He turned to his books and revealed tax cuts as follows: 1924, 371 leva; 1925, 400 leva; 1922, 10,200, and in 1923, 25,400.

The same increase is applied to every kind of business in Bulgaria.

Developing Trade With Ireland

Office Opened In Dublin by Canadian
Government

Ottawa.—The Canadian Government is opening an office in Dublin for the purpose of developing trade with the Irish Free State. A. E. MacEwan, formerly assistant trade commissioner at Milan, Italy, who is now on his way to Ireland to take charge of the high office, will act under instructions from the Canadian trade commissioner at London.

Frost Damaged U.S. Corn

Crop Half Killed Before It Reached
Maturity

Washington.—Only 48 per cent. of the corn crop in the principal producing area reached maturity before the first killing frost of the season, the department of agriculture has been advised. Usually 91 per cent. of the crop reaches maturity.

The late spring and cool summer are held responsible for failure of the corn to mature before the frost.

German Make Rifles For China

Paris.—According to information in the hands of French officials, Germans have manufactured 50,000 rifles for Chang Tso Lin, Chinese revolutionary leader.

The rifles were manufactured at the Krupp factory in the interior of Germany, but the inter-allied arms control commission knew nothing of their existence until informed that they were already on their way to China. Protest is to be made to Berne by Minister of Justice Steadsk.

Establish Government Radio Service Between Ottawa And Yukon

U.S. Would Check Terrible Toll of Deaths From Autos

Washington.—Plans are on to have President Coolidge call a big conference of governors and state highway officials to secure uniform legislation to check the enormous toll of deaths and injury caused by automobiles and other vehicles. Representative Dowell, chairman of the house roads committee, declared 25,600 people had been killed during the last year, and 605,000 had been maimed, and said the "terrible slaughter" must be stopped. Methods of regulation in Canada are being studied.

Saskatchewan Liquor Bill Provides For Establishment of Liquor Stores in Seven Cities and One Town

Regina, Sask.—Providing for the establishment of general liquor stores for the sale of spirits, wines and malted liquors in the seven cities and the towns of Yorkton, and stores for the sale of beer only in the rural districts, the government liquor bill was brought down and given its first reading in the legislature.

The bill, which provides for the sale of liquor for beverage purposes under government control, contemplates the administration of the business by a liquor board, which may comprise one, two or three members, to be appointed by the government.

No permits will be required by the purchaser of liquor for beverage purposes from the government stores, whether in city or country districts, but the amount to be sold to an individual purchaser in a single day is limited to four gallons of beer, two gallons of wine and one quart of spirits in a city store, and four gallons of beer in a country store.

Red Army Still Large

New Half Million After 50,000 Men
Have Been Released

Moscow.—Soviet Russia's "Red" army now consists of 562,000 men. The assistant commissar of war, M. V. Frenze, announced this figure at a meeting of the war council, which represents a reduction of 45,000 during the last year. The war council authorized an increase of 35 per cent. in the officers' salaries, which brings the monthly wages of a regimental commander to about \$60.

Storm Damages

Bay Terminals

Much Damage Done and Shipping
Delayed At Port Nelson
Prince Albert.—A severe storm at Port Nelson on Dec. 1 wreaked considerable damage on the Hudson's Bay wharves, destroying much shipping and putting the wireless out of commission, according to a telegram received from the R.C.M.P. headquarters from its detachment at Port Nelson. There was no loss of life.

Ford Wants Loan

Had to Request Permission To Loan
Money to Himself

Washington.—Henry Ford had to ask the Inter-State Commerce Commission for permission to loan himself money.

Ford asked that his railroad, the Detroit, Toledo and Ironport, be allowed to issue \$150,000 first mortgage bonds, to be sold to Henry Ford, his sons, or his son-in-law, Edsel Ford. Ford wants to use the money to buy land for his road.

Egyptians Plot To Kill Members Of The British Cabinet

London.—The British cabinet ministers have been placed under special police protection, according to the Daily Mail. The protection has been placed on the members of the cabinet from the headquarters of Viscount Alenby, British high commissioner in Egypt, that a plot has been discovered to assassinate the prominent members of the British Government.

Ottawa.—The Yukon and the Northwest Territories are to be connected by a new radio service between Edmonton and Dawson. The service was inaugurated by a message from Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, to Percy Reid, acting high commissioner at Dawson, carried by government wireless system from Ottawa to the Yukon, via Edmonton.

Although the Canadian National Telegraph system will be in charge of the business administration of the new service; it will be operated by the Corps of Signallers of the Canadian permanent force. The officers and men of this branch of the department of national defence have done all the work in connection with the design, construction and installation of radio sets.

The following message from the minister of the interior officially opened the service:

"This is the first official message over the government wireless system from Ottawa to Dawson. It is hoped that the system will satisfactorily serve the people of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and furnish an efficient and uninterrupted service. (Signed) Charles Stewart."

The first message was followed by one from Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of national defence, to the high commissioner at Dawson, and repeated to radio stations at Mayo and Fort Simpson.

Rajah May Be Witness

Mystery Concerning "Mr. A." Is Lifted
By Indian Official In London

Paris.—The mysterious "Mr. A." who was connected with the recent Robinson blackmailing case, will be called as a witness in the British trial of the London "Charles" case, former British army officer, who is under arrest in Paris, be unsuccessful in his attempt to return to London. The mystery concerning "Mr. A." was lifted by the Indian Official in London, who announced that he is Rajah Sir Hari Singh, a nephew of the Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir. Previously the politician's name had been held secret for "reasons of state."

Egyptians Present Petition

Deputies and Senators Demand
Immediate Convocation of
Chamber

Cairo.—A petition signed by 113 deputies, requesting immediate convocation of the chamber, was presented to King Fuad, the Egyptian king, by the Egyptian senators are taking similar action.

The country is traversing a critical phase in its history, the Egyptian petition says. "The usurper has come down upon it with brutal force, hoping to regularize his situation and drag out against it his usurpation, but the country, affirming its will to live freely and independently under the rule of law, has happily rejected the age-long leading but independence."

Decreased Prices On Farm Machinery

New Catalogue For 1925 Shows
Substantial Reductions

Winnipeg.—Substantial price reductions have been applied on practically all farm machinery, according to 1925 catalogue prices listed by leading implement companies serving Western Canada.

The reduction went into effect on December 1. The new prices included a reduction of \$10 on binders, \$1 on mowers, \$10 on tractors, \$25 on tractor tires, \$10 on farm wagons, \$10 on disc harrows. Protest is to be made to Berne by Minister of Justice Steadsk.

There is every indication, the Daily Mail says, that the plot is the outcome of a long and carefully planned conspiracy — the executive of the Egyptian Nationalists' organization — whose emissaries are spread throughout Egypt, including England.

That he immediately ordered, according to the paper, certain of his cabinet colleagues to be executed day and night by armed police in plain clothes.

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First Golfer.—"I don't see how Duffer turns in such good scores; his playing is very faulty." Second golfer.

Research Work in Mental Hygiene

The Care of the Insane and the Mentally Deficient.
(By Dr. J. G. Shearer)

The Canadian national committee for mental hygiene has held its annual meeting in Montreal and has decided to spend \$30,000 a year for five years in research work in the field of mental hygiene. The research work will be undertaken with a view to bring about a more humane and scientific method of treatment of the insane, the epileptic and those unfortunate who from birth or an early stage of life are in a serious degree mentally defective. The Lady Byng of Vimy fund has backed the \$200,000 mark and the Rockefeller Foundation has donated \$75,000. The committee hopes ultimately to raise half a million.

To succeed the late Dr. C. K. Clarke, the committee has elected as its chairman, Dr. H. H. Turner, formerly assistant medical director, St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal. Dr. Turner is a medical doctor, Dr. Charles H. Marshall, Montreal, is president. The committee has already made mental hygiene a part of the curriculum of the medical schools and has secured the guidance of provincial governments in providing care of the mentally abnormal and insane. It plans in the coming years a special study of children in schools, institutions, courts, etc.

Dr. Turner is a specialist in Canada, as is the outstanding national expert co-operating with the national committee for mental hygiene. Through its personal leaders, its provincial and local branches, its church co-operation and support, and its press bureau, the committee has a wide reach. In the month, the committee has been doing its part in educating and arousing public opinion, and in encouraging governments to provide adequately in education, treatment and institutional care for their mentally handicapped citizens.

Much is being accomplished by the "mental class" for subnormal in the twelfth public schools. There are now hundreds of such children in the schools in Canada under special training. The removal of these children from among normal children in the schools is a very great advantage to the normal children and their teachers.

Some 50,000 have recently provided for the care of their mentally defective. Ontario is contemplating the largest number of the mentally defective can never be safely left to fend for themselves in the unprotected atmosphere of what is a normal man's society. Under such conditions they will continue to be as at present a terrible economic cost to our nation and our chief source of crime, poverty, vice, ill-humour and general disease, working their terrible harm to society and to coming generations.

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Has Become French Citizen

Exile in Siberia Changed Nationality of German Soldier

Ten years for a day since his departure from Strasbourg to join the German army, Charles Wolff, first posted as minister and later as a dead, has returned to his home town. Ten years exile in Russia and Siberia has had the effect of changing Wolff's nationality, and the German vice who left a French citizen, has become a French citizen. He will resume farming on the property of his father at Marmontin, on the Moselle River, and has sent for his Russian wife.

Parisian Gun Unique

Carl Lattin, a mechanic, who drove the first racing auto in Europe, has appeared on the Paris boulevard with a new type that has a new type of engine carried on the stem. He has received orders of fabulous sums for the unique pipe from automobile manufacturers in this country.

Fox Farming in B.C.

Recent statistics show that there are now twenty-five fox farms operating in the province of British Columbia, where a few years ago fox farming was an unknown industry.

Most people find fault with their neighbors in order to get even with neighbors who find fault with them.

Got Inspiration From Rockies

Artist Arriving London With Collection Of Water Colors

A reclus of the Canadian Rockies now has a collection of water colors on exhibition in London which critics declare equal to the work of Turner. He is Charles John Collins, whose home is on Shawang Lake, about thirty miles from Banff, in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Fourteen years ago he was an unhappy and unambitious Vancouver man, living in a cottage in the English colony. Then the late Lord Northcliffe sent him his first commission for a collection of paintings, from which he realized enough to pay his way to Canada. He immediately headed for Shawang Lake, where he built a log shack with his own hands. Later, when success came to him, he imported a grand piano for his wife. The artist declares the Rockies have been his great inspiration.

Home For Carrier Pigeons

U.S. Veterans of World War Receiving Good Care

A home for United States army carrier pigeons, veterans of the World War, has been established at Los Angeles for an exhibition of paintings, from which he realized enough to pay his way to Canada. He immediately headed for Shawang Lake, where he built a log shack with his own hands. Later, when success came to him, he imported a grand piano for his wife. The artist declares the Rockies have been his great inspiration.

The third bird here at the home, "Spitz," appears now the worse for his long stay in the club. It is said to have lost its mind in the last few days of its life in its record of having carried 61 messages of importance without being injured.

Rubber Taken To Europe About 1735

Was Discovered In 1493 in Hayti By Columbus

Caucasian, or India rubber, an elastic substance that causes by its action on certain nerves that were found in South America, Mexico, Africa and Asia, was observed in Hayti by Columbus in 1493. Rubber was first taken to Europe about the year 1735. An Englishman of that time wrote that he had seen "a substance recently adapted to the purpose of wiping from paper the marks a black-lead pen." It was used at the rate of three shillings the cask full. The hardening of rubber by a process known as vulcanizing was discovered by C. Goodyear in 1839. The vulcanized rubber now known as gutta serena is used as a substitute for horn and tortoise shell.

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Encouraging Trade Figures

Considerable Ground For Optimism As To Business Conditions

"An examination of the trade records for the last twelve months reveals a very hopeful situation," states Hon. Thomas A. Lov, minister of trade and commerce, in a recent statement. "Canadian trade figures showed on September 30th, at the conclusion of the first six months of the year, a much more buoyant tendency than was the case a month earlier," he states. "In export trade, September last was the best month the Dominion has had in four years; and shipments during this period of thirty days of Canadian products to other countries exceeded the shipments during September of the last month by nearly \$1,000,000. The foreign exports in September constituted the statement, 'also exceeded those of the corresponding month in the three preceding years.'"

An examination of the figures for the half-year also discloses ground for optimism, added Mr. Lov. The Dominion's exports (excluding last year's record) during the six months ending in September by \$28,000,000, so that, even if there is no further gain, this year's record will surpass all preceding high levels, except those attained under the artificial conditions that prevailed during the later years of the war and following its conclusion. With the above gain in the first half of the year and a strong tendency upward still in evidence, a further gain during the second six months may be reasonably expected.

The so-called "Lancet" found among the inhabitants of tropical countries is due to disease, says an expert.

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Are Dropping Theory Of Monkey Ancestry

Scientists Believe Man Is Not Creature Of Forests

Scientists are gradually dropping the theory that the human race sprang from the monkey family, according to Dr. Frederick H. Norris, curator of the geological section of the American Museum of Natural History, addressing the Royal Canadian Institute, Toronto. Scientists are coming to believe that an arboreal ancestor of man would have remained arboreal, in the deep jungle, while erect man, with his thin padded feet and long legs is a creature of open spaces—he belongs to the ground, not to the trees, Dr. Norris said. He related his experience during a trip to Asia, the continent which he believes to have been the birthplace of the human race.

Lord Birkenhead Writes Rapidly

Brilliant Author Accomplishes Much With Very Little Effort

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The Useful Hunkie

Does His Part in Forwarding the Interests of Justice

The manner in which the hunkie dogs provide means of transportation during winter over the snow-laden hills, the hunkie dogs are described in a recent issue of the bulletin called "Natural Resources," published by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa. What the camel is to the African desert, the hunkie is to transportation over the snowy wastes of the Far North.

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A Record Butter Output

Production More Than Doubled In Some Parts of Saskatchewan

Another record is established by the dairy industry in Saskatchewan, the October output of creamery butter reaching a peak of 1,129,010 pounds, as compared with 596,295 in the same month last year. This represents an increase of 59.4 per cent. over the October, 1923 output.

Lord Birkenhead Writes Rapidly

Brilliant Author Accomplishes Much With Very Little Effort

Lord Birkenhead, who has just produced another book, "Contemporary Personalities," is a most rapid writer. He can dictate more accurately than most people can write, with the result that he gets through an enormous amount of work with little effort. When he wanted to get married, not having a book, he went to a publisher and asked if he could write some books for him. "Yes," said the publisher, "I want two—one on Newfoundland and the other on International Law." P. E. Smith, as he then was, wrote both in three months, and they are still standard books of reference.

A poor man never knows how many friends he has until he suddenly strikes it rich.

SWINE CLUBS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Records Show Good Season Followed Activity of Volcanoes

Records of the climate of the world, for the year 1922, when Pompeii was destroyed by Vesuvius, reveal the fact that serious disturbances of climate have followed great volcanic eruptions. In cases too numerous to rehearse the eruption of a volcano in any part of the world has been succeeded by one or two years markedly colder than the average. Indeed, modern science accounts for the Ice Age by the theory of volcanism—its cause, to say, the activity of volcanoes.

Like Oil-burning Vessels

Crew Permits Them To Old Coal-burning Ships

Oil-burning vessels stimulate the most grumbling log on board ship—that of the stoker. The modern stoke hole has been called "The Stoker's Paradise." The old dirt and racking heat of the coal-burning days have gone; and the more turning of a valve is the more the stoker enjoys it. The stoker is more pleasant than coal-burning, which meant that the whole vessel, with every body in it, was smothered in dust. Now, however, a tanker comes along side the ship and fixes a flexible pipe through a hatch in her side. Presently the soft hiss of the pump is heard, and the whole thing is soon over, absolutely without fuss or bother.

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Grain Prices

At Empire, Thursday, Dec.

Wheat No. 1, Nor.
Flax
BarleyTrack Wheat
Oats
Rye

Glen Stewart, returned this week, from Red Deer, Alta.

The regular monthly meeting of St. Mary's Guild will be held at the Clergy House, on Tuesday, March 24, at 3.30 sharp. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Dan Muffee, arrived from the States, where she had spent the winter months, on Tuesday. Mr. Muffee arrived on the west train.

Women really are superior. No man can listen to three conversations while carrying on one.

The more we learn about the world, the better we understand why an infant yells at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kraler, and family, arrived home on Saturday, from Humboldt, Sask., where they have been visiting during the past two months.

G. M. Johnston, returned to town, Wednesday evening.

S. Tyler, sr., arrived in town on Wednesday, last week, and is visiting his son, George.

Miss L. Glover, returned on Monday, of last week from Calgary, to take up her school duties in the Cleveland district.

R. M. Henderson, was here over the week end of last week, visiting with his family. He returned to Vanguard, Sask., the following Tuesday.

Anton Pavlak, returned from Minneapolis, Thursday. He says the winter has not been so severe there as here, grass is green and farmers are on the land.

Carlers are enjoying a particularly long season's sport, and local enthusiasm continues unabated.

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After a lapse of two and a half months, this issue marks the re-appearance of the "Express" which we trust will be welcomed by the citizens in general of this district. Everyone concerned, we believe are acquainted with the circumstances, so there is no need to enter into detail. Credit to this section will be given in subscriptions. We take this opportunity of thanking the people of this district for their patronage.

THE SEED CORN SITUATION
(Experimental Farm Note)

In a normal season in our seed-corn-growing areas, the corn plants mature their seed sufficiently early for it to be some well-hardened seed still on the stalk. This hardening process consists largely in loss of moisture and is necessary in order that corn may go into storage dry enough to prevent moulding of the corn or frost injury to the germ.

Unfavorable weather conditions during the later part of the past growing season resulted in large quantities of corn failing to dry out or mature sufficiently to produce first-class seed. Unless such corn was artificially dried before heavy frosts set in, its vitality is sure to be impaired to a large extent. Such a condition calls for foresight and good judgment on the part of the prospective buyer, foresight in the matter of early purchasing, as seed corn is likely to be scarce, and good judgment in testing the germination of all seed corn bought in order that sufficient may be planted to insure a full stand.

The present seed corn situation should also cause us to give thoughtful consideration to the question of the variety of corn we intend to plant. On the whole seed of the earlier-maturing varieties is likely to be in better condition than the later-maturing stage. A variety of corn which reaches at least the glazed stage in any district during an average year is therefore likely to be the safest to grow this coming season from the standpoint of the quality of seed that it will be possible to



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buy. Not only will the chances be better for securing satisfactory seed of such a variety, but the odds are equally good that actual feeding value per acre will be secured than could be the case with most later sorts.

It would seem to be the policy of wisdom, therefore, for all prospective purchasers of seed corn to (1) buy early; (2) buy a variety that will almost reach maturity in the district concerned; (3) Test thoroughly the germination of all seed before planting.

Successful Year

For Union Bank
Annual Statement of Canada's
Western Bank Discloses Great
Strength in Liquid Assets

The Union Bank of Canada, with its Head Office located in Winnipeg, is regarded as a representative of the banking world, and the sixtieth annual report, which was presented to the shareholders at the annual general meeting held at the Head Office, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, will therefore be of particular interest to Western Canadians. Being the sixtieth annual report to be issued, it marks the diamond jubilee of the institution.

The year 1924 was a continuation of the unsettled business conditions which made the previous year, 1923, one of unusual difficulty for banking and financial institutions, and the balance sheet now made public is a striking tribute to the sound policy which has brought the year's business to such a successful conclusion. All legitimate requirements of customers have been met and an efficient nationwide banking service has been maintained.

One of the outstanding features of the report is the great strength of the Bank's Liquid Assets—those investment holdings which can be quickly and readily converted into cash

should the need arise. The ratio of these gilt-edged quick convertible securities as compared to the Bank's total liabilities to the public is over 59 per cent against 49.5 per cent at the close of the previous year.

The profits earned during the year, together with the balance of profits carried over from 1923, give a total of \$1,229,010 available for distribution. This has provided for the payment of the four regular quarterly dividends amounting to \$640,000 for Dominion Government taxes \$138,551 and for the usual contribution of 10,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund. Adhering to their conservative policy the Directors have wisely apportioned the remainder of the profits to a reduction of 25,000, 00 in the value of Bank premises, to the setting up of a contingent account of 100,000, and to increasing the balance to be carried forward to next year.

The total assets stand at \$120,570,115 as shown by the balance sheet. The reserve and undivided profits are \$2,008,434. In common with the experience of other banks and investment institutions the period under

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review has shown a small contraction in the amount of deposits. Savings accounts represent 66,987,204 and current accounts 26,287,812.00 of total deposits of 92,275,016.00.

Here and There

"Moose are plentiful in the Chapleau, Ont. district, and hunters can secure a good bag of deer and bear," says J. W. McVey. Experienced guides can be obtained and hunters are assured they will get their limit.

"One of the things for which Canada is most to be congratulated is that she has established a system of education that compares favorably with any in the world. Canada is a nation of literates, she has a remarkably small proportion of illiterates," stated the Right Hon. H. A. I. Fisher, former Minister of Education in the British government, when disembarking at Montreal.

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60th Annual Statement, 20th November, 1924

Balance at credit of account, 20th November, 1924.

Not shown for the year are the following: interest due depositors, reserve for exchange, and interest on deposits for all bank and dividend funds, have amounted to:

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